

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 4, 2019

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 1, 2019 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

****STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE****

POSITION TITLE: Wildlife Research Intern

OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATION(S): Blackfoot / Missoula

WORK START/END DATES: Flexible (approx. May 1 – August 31) **HOURS/WEEK:** 40

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: Flexible, must be available to start by May 20, 2019

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC): \$11:00/hr plus per diem (meals) at state rates when in the field overnight. Holiday/weekend work may be required. There is no overtime for this position, paid holidays, or additional compensation for working on holidays or weekends. A state vehicle will likely be available and housing at the study site is provided. Individuals may need to use personal vehicle for part of all of summer if state/federal vehicle not available. Interns would be compensated for mileage at current state rates. Duration of the job depends on funding.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The successful applicant will assist with various aspects of an elk research project in the Blackfoot/Clearwater area assessing the effect of variable burn severity on vegetation and local elk populations. Primary duties will include deploying, maintaining, and processing data from field remote cameras. Position will also assist with vegetation sampling. Work schedules will entail long, variable hours, and will include some weekends.

This position will be part time until the end of spring semester, and field work will conclude in accordance with the beginning of fall semester. In addition to summer field work, this position may transition into an Honors Thesis under the guidance of Dr. Josh Millsaugh at the University of Montana.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):

Applicants must be enrolled for 2019 fall semester as senior in the wildlife biology undergraduate program at the University of Montana. Applicants must be in good academic standing and have a minimum GPA of 3.4.

Applicants should have a strong work ethic, the ability to work safely and independently in the field, and the ability to work effectively as part of a multi-disciplinary research team. Applicants must be able to hike long distances carrying heavy loads and must be comfortable spending multiple days at a time in the back-country. Applicants must have experience operating a 4-wheel drive vehicle in mountainous terrain and must have experience working safely in bear country. Preference will be given to those with relevant fieldwork experience, including experience with remote cameras and/or vegetation sampling experience.

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):

To apply, send a brief cover letter, a resume detailing relevant job experience, and contact information for 2 references by email to bjimenez@mt.gov. Review of applications will begin March 1 and a final decision will be made by April 1.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (; HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.)

Housing will be provided in the study area, as well as a vehicle for field work.